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CU LEAD Conference Educates and Equips Students for Leadership

CEDARVILLE, OHIO – The fourth annual CU LEADership conference, “Be Ready – Be Available,” will be held January 19-20 in the Dixon Ministry Center. The conference will equip high school and college students to become better leaders.

“In life we sometimes wait for others to give us opportunities. Our goal is that we seek to be ready for leadership opportunities,” said Brian Burns, director of campus experience at Cedarville. “If you are not ready, then you cannot be available. It is important to remember that leadership is not a position.”

The conference includes main sessions for all attendees, along with breakout sessions for three separate tracks: high schools students, Cedarville students desiring to serve in a campus leadership role and Cedarville students currently serving as campus leaders. It also includes a free concert by Shai Linne, recording artist and church planter.

More than 20 faculty and staff members and eight current students will facilitate breakout sessions. The main sessions will feature Dr. Thomas White, Cedarville University’s president.

This year’s conference was created by Emily DeCeglie, a social work major from Brick, New Jersey; Joellen Eades, a business management major from Dalton, Ohio; Robert Krupnek, a global business major from Saginaw, Michigan; and Peter Shields, a biblical studies major from Didsbury, Alberta, Canada.

“One of the things I appreciate most about Cedarville is their desire to prepare us in a variety of ways, not only for the rest of our college career but after graduation as well. CU LEAD teaches students how to be Christlike leaders in all areas of life,” said DeCeglie. “It equips students with tools, teaching them the skills they need to lead and serve with excellence.”

High school students must register online at <https://www.cedarville.edu/Event/Leadership-Conference.aspx#Info> by January 5. The conference costs \$65 per high school student, which includes all sessions and seminars, small-group activities, meals, snacks and housing on campus. There is no cost for current Cedarville University students.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,963 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.